

Remarks

Remarks responsive to the July 26, 2005 Office Action follow. Quotations of relevant comments from the Examiner (presented in small bold-faced type) precede applicant's remarks.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 25, 26, 12, 13, 17, 18, 21 and 22 objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The Examiner is thanked for the indication of allowable subject matter.

The subject matter of claim 12 has been incorporated into its corresponding base claim 8. In accordance with the Examiner's indication, claim 12 is now in condition for allowance. Claims 9-11 and 13 depend, directly or indirectly, from claim 8 and are also now in condition for allowance.

The subject matter of claim 17 has been incorporated into its corresponding base claim 14. In accordance with the Examiner's indication, claim 14 is now in condition for allowance. Claims 15-16 and 18 depend, directly or indirectly, from claim 17 and are also now in condition for allowance.

The subject matter of claim 21 has been incorporated into its corresponding base claim 19. In accordance with the Examiner's indication, claim 19 is now in condition for allowance. Claims 20 and 22 depend from claim 19 and are also now in condition for allowance.

The subject matter of claim 25 has been incorporated into its corresponding base claim 1. In accordance with the Examiner's indication, claim 1 is now in condition for allowance. Claims 2-7 and 26 depend from claim 1 and are also now in condition for allowance.

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Conclusion

Claims 1, 7, 8, 13, 14, 18, 19, 22, and 26 have been amended.

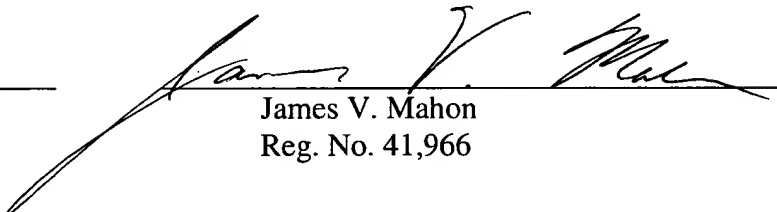
Claims 1-5, 7-11, 13-20, 22 and 26 are now pending and are believed to be in condition for allowance.

No new matter has been added.

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Respectfully submitted,

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